

House Study Bill 684

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BAUDLER)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending the statute of limitations for criminal offenses
2 related to sexual abuse.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6571HC 80
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1 1 Section 1. Section 802.2, Code 2003, is amended by
1 2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
1 3 following:
1 4 802.2 SEXUAL ABUSE == FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE.
1 5 An information or indictment for sexual abuse in the first,
1 6 second, or third degree may be commenced at any time after the
1 7 sexual abuse occurs.
1 8 EXPLANATION
1 9 This bill extends the statute of limitations for sexual
1 10 abuse.
1 11 The bill extends the statute of limitations to prosecute
1 12 sexual abuse in the first, second, or third degree to any time
1 13 after the sexual abuse occurs. Current law provides that any
1 14 sexual abuse involving a victim under the age of 18 must be
1 15 prosecuted within 10 years of the victim reaching the age of
1 16 18. Current law also provides that any other sexual abuse be
1 17 prosecuted within 10 years after the commission of the
1 18 offense.
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